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SUBJECT: ECLA/FAO REGIONAL CONFERENCE FOR LATIN AMERICA,
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1. POSITION PAPERS ARE CLEARED WITH EXCEPTION OF ITEM 12
(SEE PARA 2) AND ARE BEING CARRIED TO LIMA BY DELEGATION.
SPECIAL PACKET FOR JAMES CHEATHAM, ADVISER, IS IN HANDS
OF CHAIRMAN, DR. RALPH PHILLIPS.

2. IN U.S. POSITION FOR AGENDA ITEM 12, ADDITIONAL
CATEGORY TITLE AND PARA 9 SHOULD BE ADDED AS FOLLOWS:
DISCUSSIONS ON THE INTERNATIONAL GROUP FOR AGRICULTURAL
DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA (IGAD/LA).

9. IGAD/LA IS NOT ON THE AGENDA FOR DISCUSSION, BUT IT IS
UNDERSTOOD THAT THE IDB WILL MAKE A STATEMENT ON BEHALF
OF THE IGAD. THE U.S. DELEGATION SHOULD MAKE CLEAR OUR
SUPPORT FOR THE GROUP AND OUR HOPE FOR A FRUITFUL IN-
AUGURAL SESSION IN CANCUN, MEXICO, MAY 14-16. THE U.S.
SUPPORTS THE IGAD/LA SECRETARIAT PROPOSAL FOR THE GROUP
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PURSUING ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF RESEARCH, TRAINING,

AND POST-HARVEST LOSSES. IN ANY CASE, IGAD/LA SHOULD
LIMIT ITS ACTIVITIES TO A FEW WELL DEFINED TOPICS. IN
DISCUSSING IGAD/LA, THE DELEGATION MAY WISH TO DRAW ON THE
ATTACHED BACKGROUND PAPER.

3. FOLLOWING SHOULD BE ADDED AS DISCUSSION:
WE UNDERSTAND THAT DG SAOUMA IS LOOKING CRITICALLY AT IDEA
OF FAO PARTICIPATION IN IGAD/LA, WITH DESIRE TO LIMIT
DIFFUSION OF FAO EFFORTS IN LOWER PRIORITY ACTIVITIES.
USG WOULD NEVERTHELESS FAVOR APPROPRIATE FAO PARTICIPATION.
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